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Dave Beck Criticized B- Anti-Rackets Group

Dave Beck, head of the International Teamsters union, A.F.L. C.I.O., was attacked by the national executive board of the CIO for "raiding" tactics involving the affiliation of St. Paul brewery workers.

This is not the only controversy currently involving Beck's union policies. In New York City he is being criticized by a "Crime, Unions" group investigating alleged connections between gangsters and certain teamsters union leaders.

Spruille Braden, chairman of the New York Anti-Crime committee, said in his annual report that racketeers are trying to take control of the city's trucking industry. He criticized Beck for failure to curb the activities of gangster elements.

Braden called on Beck to take "vigorous and forthright" action against James R. Hoffa, vice president of the teamsters union. Hoffa's activities came under scrutiny of a congressional investigating committee last year. Braden charges that Hoffa has put in a position of influence in New York teamsters a "lifelong associate of the most gangsters in this city."

Congressmen who investigated labor abuses in Detroit termed Hoffa the boss in a situation characterized by racketeering, extortion and gangsterism. Braden said the teamsters local had in general been able to keep free of underworld domination by having an independent organization. He charged that Hoffa's lieutenants are trying to gain control. Braden asserted that some trucking companies are cooperating with Hoffa in return for special favors, while others are opposing his program.

No one has done greater damage to the union labor movement than those who condone the activities of gangsters and racketeers within its ranks.

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TEAMSTERS' UNION ACCUSED OF 'RAID'

'Unbridled Piracy' in St. Paul
Is Charged in Resolution
Voted by C. I. O. Board

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, July 21—The
Congress of Industrial Organiza-
tions has accused an American
Federation of Labor affiliate of
"unbridled piracy."

The charge was directed at
the International Brotherhood of
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Ware-
housemen and Helpers of Amer-
ica, headed by Dave Beck. It
was based on a "raid" by the
teamsters on a local union of
the International Union of Unit-
ed Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft
Drink and Distillery Workers of
America in St. Paul.

The brewery workers proposed

a resolution of condemnation at
a meeting of the C. I. O. execu-
tive board yesterday. The board
unanimously adopted the resolu-
tion. It stated that the prospec-
tive merger of the A. F. L. and
the C. I. O. was "being seriously
jeopardized by the ruthless and
unprincipled raiding tactics" of
the teamsters.

The resolution said the team-
sters on Sunday, June 5, had
"perpetrated a typical, old-fash-
ioned raid on our 1,000-member
Local 343 in St. Paul whereby
in pursuance of a carefully laid
conspiracy a horde of teamster
officials descended upon a meet-
ing of the local union which had
been called to hear a report on
contract negotiations currently
in progress."

Teamsters' union officials do
not regard these operations as
"raids." They assert that their
union jurisdiction covers all
brewery workers and they are
taking only what is rightfully
theirs.

The pending A. F. L.-C. I. O.
merger in itself is not expected

to eliminate raiding. That prob-
lem is being handled in separate
agreements voluntarily signed by
many of the individual unions.
At present, twenty-nine out of
thirty-one C. I. O. unions have
signed the agreement. Seventy-
four of 105 A. F. L. unions have
signed it.

At the A. F. L.-C. I. O. unity
meeting last night, it was agreed
to solicit the signatory unions
to sign a two-year extension of
the no-raiding agreement, which
is dated to expire Dec. 31, 1955.
The teamsters' union has not
signed.

It was also understood that
the A. F. L. agreed that its new
building, which will be the head-
quarters of the combined federa-
tions, will carry the name of the
merged body, "American Federa-
tion of Labor and Congress of
Industrial Organizations." It will
mean pulling out blocks of stone
and replacing them.

It is understood that the
A. F. L. name on the granite
cornerstone will not be changed.

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RAIDING LAID
TO AFL UNIONCIO Accuses Teamsters Of
Jeopardizing Merger Hopes

By HOWARD NORTON

[Washington Bureau of The Sun]
Washington, July 21—The CIO today accused the giant AFL Teamsters Union of seriously jeopardizing the prospects of the AFL-CIO merger by making "ruthless" raids on a CIO union.

It branded the top-level leadership of the teamsters as the parties responsible for what it called a policy of "unbridled piracy," and called on the AFL to help stop it.

The accusations were contained in an angry resolution passed unanimously by the ruling CIO Executive Board.

The 1,300,000-member Brother

hood of Teamsters is the biggest union holding out against the AFL-CIO on a raiding pact, which proved to be the foundation of the forthcoming merger.

Complaint Discussed

The specific raids, which the CIO complains about, were made by the teamsters against Local 163 of the CIO Brewery Workers Union, in St. Paul, Minn.

In its complaint, the CIO board charges that "the prospects of the new labor federation are being seriously jeopardized by the ruthless and unprincipled raiding tactics of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters."

Pointing out that the executive bodies of both major labor organizations already have tentatively approved the constitution of the proposed merger, the board says that "its spirit and intent are supposed to be in effect by general consent of all of the unions concerned, including the International Brotherhood of Teamsters."

But if defiance of the organization continues to act a though the new constitution did not exist, and as though the prin

ciples of mutual respect for the integrity of the various international unions were nothing more than a pious fraud."

The board charges specifically that on Sunday, June 5, "the teamsters perpetrated a typical old-fashioned raid on our 1,000-member Local 243, in St. Paul, Minnesota."

Raid Seen Ordered

"...in pursuance of a carefully laid conspiracy," the board continued, "a horde of teamster officials descended upon a meeting of the local union which had been called to hear a report on indirect negotiations currently in progress."

The CIO leaders charge flatly that "this raid was undeniably ordered from the top level administration of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, because the teamsters' representatives were drawn from distant points, including St. Louis, Chicago, Wisconsin, California and New York, and even included a teamster attorney from California."

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Brewery 'Raid' Here Perils Merger Plan, CIO Says

Dispatch Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON—The CIO executive board said today that a "typical old-fashioned raid" by the AFL Teamsters Union on a CIO brewery in St. Paul has "seriously jeopardized" the AFL-CIO merger plans.

CIO President Walter Reuther made public the text of a resolution condemning the raid as "unbridled piracy," adopted unanimously at the board's meeting here. It assailed what it called "ruthless and unprincipled raiding tactics" of the teamsters and accused the union of acting as if the new constitution agreed on by leaders of the two federations did not exist.

The CIO chieftains decided to take the matter up with AFL President George Meany and send copies of their resolution to the heads of all unions within the two federations. The CIO will seek support from all unions against the teamster tactics.

The resolution said the raid June 5 was the result of a "carefully-laid conspiracy" and "undeniably ordered from the top-level administration of the teamsters. To support this top-level charge, the CIO board said a "horde" of teamster officials from "distant points" including St. Louis, Chicago, Wisconsin, California

and New York, and even including the teamster attorney from California participated in the raid.

The CIO accused the teamsters of "using their customary one-sided, rabble-rousing tactics" to "railroad a series of actions" through the brewery workers' meeting.

The CIO board resolved to give "prompt and serious consideration to the problems that could arise from such unwarranted attacks and unprincipled raids." The board said:

"The prospects of the new labor federation are being seriously jeopardized by the ruthless and

unprincipled raiding tactics of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters."

Most AFL state and Twin Cities officials were reluctant to comment today on the statement of the CIO international executive board that the "raid" by the AFL Teamsters on the CIO St. Paul Brewery Workers union was jeopardizing merger plans.

Robert Hess, Minnesota state CIO president, declared that: "Insofar as the prospective merger is concerned, I have always felt that the 'no-raiding' agreement should be a two-way, not a one-way pact. The CIO has kept the agreement; the Teamsters have not."

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Labor Board To Air Beer Unions Fight

The dispute between the CIO Brewery Workers and AFL Teamsters unions over representation of some 1,200 bottling department employees of two St. Paul breweries will get an official airing at 9:30 a. m. today before the National Labor Relations board.

The hearing will be in the federal courts building, Third and Marquette, in Minneapolis.

First question which the Twin Cities regional office of the NLRB will be asked to decide is whether a contract signed June 16 between Heinen's and Pfeiffer's breweries and Bottlers Local 343 of the Brewery Workers union bars a collective bargaining agent election until the contract—which runs for two years—expires in June, 1957.

PUT CHALLENGED

The AFL Teamsters union challenges validity of the contract on the basis it was signed during a period when there was a dispute as to which union represented the approximately 1,200 workers.

This challenge is based on the fact that last June 5, at a special membership meeting, the majority of members of Local 343 voted to leave the CIO Brewery Workers union and affiliate with the AFL Teamsters organization.

After the "secession" vote, the international office of the CIO Brewery Workers union ousted officers of Local 343 who had led the affiliation switch, and appointed a trustee of Local 343.

The Local 343 trustee signed the contract with officials of the two breweries June 16. As a result of the contract signing, the CIO union claims no election can be held until the agreement expires.

Local 343 of the CIO Brewery Workers union, which represents some 200 brewing and malthouse workers at the two St. Paul breweries, was not involved in the disaffiliation move of Local 343.